

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

**NGUYEN *ET AL.***

Serial No.: **10/691,319**

Filed: **OCTOBER 22, 2003**

Title: **"METHODS FOR REDUCING  
PARTICULATE DENSITY AND  
METHODS OF USING REDUCED-  
DENSITY PARTICLES"**

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Examiner: **LIGHTFOOT, ELENA TSOY**

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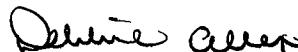
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AND  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

Dear Honorable Commissioner:

Applicants hereby request continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above-identified application. This request is being submitted after the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Applicants respectfully request to withdraw the appeal and to reopen prosecution of the application before the examiner.

In response to the Final Office Action mailed April 9, 2008 ("the Final Office Action"), the Advisory Action mailed July 8, 2008 ("the Advisory Action"), and the Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal brief Review mailed September 12, 2008 ("the Notice of Panel

Decision), Applicants submit this response and respectfully request reconsideration of the Examiner's rejections.

- **Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper; and
- **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.